Election results that can't be ignored

Talking points
1. Both of these cartoons make reference to the "elephant in the room." What does this phrase mean and where did it originate?
2. Where did the elephant and donkey political symbols originate?
3. Voters gave the GOP control of both houses of Congress. Will it be able to pass any laws it wants?
4. What are the actual policy goals of each party? Are they ever clearly explained to voters during campaigns?

Between the lines
"We won in red states, we won in blue states and we won in purple states." - Republican chairman Reince Priebus

Additional resources
More by Rick McKee
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More by Cameron Cardow
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"Note to self: Stop ignoring large mammal in room."
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